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SUBJECT: GENERAL ELECTION - NO. 11 - RETURNS

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1. VIRTUALLY COMPLETE RETURNS INDICATE THAT DANISH
ELECTORATE HAS DECISIVELY REJECTED ALL FIVE POLITICAL
PARTIES REPRESENTED IN FORMER PARLIAMENT. BIGGEST
WINNER WAS PROGRESSIVE PARTY OF MOGENS GLISTRUP, WHO
SYMBOLIZES CURRENT MIDDLE CLASS REVOLT AGAINST HIGH
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TAXES AND SOCIAL WELFARE EXCESSES. HE WILL NOW ENTER

FOLKETING AS LEADER OF ITS SECOND LARGEST PARTY. CENTER DEMOCRATS OF ERHARD JAKOBSEN DID LESS WELL BUT CAN STILL COUNT 14 OF ITS MEMBERS IN NEW PARLIAMENT. THREE FRINGE PARTIES (COMMUNIST, JUSTICE AND CHRISTIAN PEOPLES) WHICH FAILED TO TOP 2 PERCENT MINIMUM VOTE IN PREVIOUS ELECTION AND THEREFORE WERE NOT REPRESENTED IN LAST PARLIAMENT ALSO SCORED GAINS AND WILL NOW HAVE FROM FIVE TO SEVEN SEATS APIECE. TOTAL NUMBER OF PARTIES IN PARLIAMENT HAS DOUBLED, FROM FIVE TO TEN.

2. LARGE NUMBERS OF SEASONED POLITICIANS HAVE BEEN DISPLACED BY RANK OUTSIDERS WHOSE PRINCIPAL QUALIFICATION IN MINDS OF VOTERS WAS EVIDENTLY THEIR LACK OF EXPERIENCE AND INVOLVEMENT IN PARLIAMENTARY MANEUVERINGS. WHETHER ANY VIABLE GOVERNMENT CAN BE CONSTRUCTED ON BASIS OF RAMSHACKLE PARLIAMENTARY STRUCTURE WHICH HAS BEEN CREATED REMAINS TO BE SEEN. ANKER JORGENSEN'S GOVERNMENT IS EXPECTED TO REMAIN IN CARETAKER CAPACITY AT LEAST UNTIL EC SUMMIT MEETING IN COPENHAGEN IS OVER ON DECEMBER 15. RETURNS ARE NOT YET IN FOR GREENLAND'S TWO SEATS AND FAEROE ISLANDS, WHICH WILL ALSO RECEIVE TWO SEATS, WILL NOT VOTE UNTIL DECEMBER 13.

3. REMAINING 175 SEATS WILL BE DIVIDED AS FOLLOWS:

SOCIALDEMOCRATS 46
PROGRESS 28
MODERATE LIBERALS 22
RADICAL LIBERALS 20
CONSERVATIVES 16
CENTER DEMOCRATS 14
SOCIALIST PEOPLES 7
COMMUNISTS 6
JUSTICE 5.
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